

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-29 (Cancelled).

Claim 30 (Currently amended): A solution useful for the expansion of a plant cell wall comprising an isolated group 2/3 pollen allergen having β -expansin activity in solution and wherein said solution has a pH of from about ~~4.04~~4.5 to about ~~7.56~~.

Claims 31-34 (Cancelled).

Claim 35 (Previously presented): The solution of claim 30 wherein said group 2/3 allergen having β -expansin activity is not affected by dithiothreitol (DDT).

Claims 36-38 (Cancelled).

Claim 39 (Previously presented): The solution of claim 30 wherein said group 2/3 pollen allergen having β -expansin activity has more than one aromatic residue on its protein surface.

Claim 40 (Previously presented): The solution of claim 30 wherein said group 2/3 pollen allergen having β -expansin activity comprises the group 2/3 pollen allergen of SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 41 (Previously presented): The solution of claim 30 wherein said group 2/3 pollen allergen having β -expansin activity has an amino acid sequence of

TKVDLTVEKGSDAKTLVLNI (SEQ ID NO:5) in the N-terminal twenty amino acids of said allergen.

Claims 42-43 (Canceled).

Claim 44 (Currently amended): A solution useful for the expansion of a plant cell wall comprising: a plant cell having a cell wall; an isolated group 2/3 pollen allergen having β -expansin activity and wherein said solution has a pH of from about ~~4.0~~4.5 to about ~~6.7~~5.

Claim 45 (New): The solution of claim 30 wherein said solution has a pH of from about 5.0 to about 5.5.

Claim 46 (New): The solution of claim 30, wherein said solution has a pH up to about 5.5.